

**§ 897.2 Purpose.**

The purpose of this part is to establish restrictions on the sale, distribution, and use of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco in order to reduce the number of children and adolescents who use these products, and to reduce the life-threatening consequences associated with tobacco use.

**§ 897.3 Definitions.**

(a) *Cigarette* means any product which contains nicotine, is intended to be burned under ordinary conditions of use, and consists of:

(1) Any roll of tobacco wrapped in paper or in any substance not containing tobacco; or

(2) Any roll of tobacco wrapped in any substance containing tobacco which, because of its appearance, the type of tobacco used in the filler, or its packaging and labeling, is likely to be offered to, or purchased by, consumers as a cigarette described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(b) *Cigarette tobacco* means any product that consists of loose tobacco that contains or delivers nicotine and is intended for use by consumers in a cigarette. Unless otherwise stated, the requirements pertaining to cigarettes shall also apply to cigarette tobacco.

(c) *Distributor* means any person who furthers the distribution of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco, whether domestic or imported, at any point from the original place of manufacture to the person who sells or distributes the product to individuals for personal consumption. Common carriers are not considered distributors for the purposes of this part.

(d) *Manufacturer* means any person, including any repacker and/or relabeler, who manufactures, fabricates, assembles, processes, or labels a finished cigarette or smokeless tobacco product.

(e) *Nicotine* means the chemical substance named 3-(1-Methyl-2-pyrrolidinyl)pyridine or  $C_{10}H_{14}N_2$ , including any salt or complex of nicotine.

(f) *Package* means a pack, box, carton, or container of any kind in which cigarettes or smokeless tobacco are offered for sale, sold, or otherwise distributed to consumers.

(g) *Point of sale* means any location at which a consumer can purchase or otherwise obtain cigarettes or smokeless tobacco for personal consumption.

(h) *Retailer* means any person who sells cigarettes or smokeless tobacco to individuals for personal consumption, or who operates a facility where vending machines or self-service displays are permitted under this part.

(i) *Smokeless tobacco* means any product that consists of cut, ground, powdered, or leaf tobacco that contains nicotine and that is intended to be placed in the oral cavity.

**Subpart B—Prohibition of Sale and Distribution to Persons Younger Than 18 Years of Age**

**§ 897.10 General responsibilities of manufacturers, distributors, and retailers.**

Each manufacturer, distributor, and retailer is responsible for ensuring that the cigarettes or smokeless tobacco it manufactures, labels, advertises, packages, distributes, sells, or otherwise holds for sale comply with all applicable requirements under this part.

**§ 897.12 Additional responsibilities of manufacturers.**

In addition to the other responsibilities under this part, each manufacturer shall remove from each point of sale all self-service displays, advertising, labeling, and other items that the manufacturer owns that do not comply with the requirements under this part.

**§ 897.14 Additional responsibilities of retailers.**

In addition to the other requirements under this part, each retailer is responsible for ensuring that all sales of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco to any person comply with the following requirements:

(a) No retailer may sell cigarettes or smokeless tobacco to any person younger than 18 years of age;

(b)(1) Except as otherwise provided in § 897.16(c)(2)(i) and in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, each retailer shall verify by means of photographic identification containing the bearer's date of birth that no person purchasing the product is younger than 18 years of age;

(2) No such verification is required for any person over the age of 26;

(c) Except as otherwise provided in § 897.16(c)(2)(ii), a retailer may sell cigarettes or smokeless tobacco only in a direct, face-to-face exchange without the assistance of any electronic or mechanical device (such as a vending machine);

(d) No retailer may break or otherwise open any cigarette or smokeless tobacco package to sell or distribute individual cigarettes or a number of unpackaged cigarettes that is smaller than the quantity in the minimum cigarette package size defined in § 897.16(b), or any quantity of cigarette tobacco or smokeless tobacco that is smaller than the smallest package distributed by the manufacturer for individual consumer use; and

(e) Each retailer shall ensure that all self-service displays, advertising, labeling, and other items, that are located in the retailer's establishment and that do not comply with the requirements of this part, are removed or are brought into compliance with the requirements under this part.

**§ 897.16 Conditions of manufacture, sale, and distribution.**

(a) *Restriction on product names.* A manufacturer shall not use a trade or brand name of a nontobacco product as the trade or brand name for a cigarette or smokeless tobacco product, except for a tobacco product whose trade or brand name was on both a tobacco product and a nontobacco product that were sold in the United States on January 1, 1995.

(b) *Minimum cigarette package size.* Except as otherwise provided under this section, no manufacturer, distributor, or retailer may sell or cause to be sold, or distribute or cause to be distributed, any cigarette package that contains fewer than 20 cigarettes.

(c) *Vending machines, self-service displays, mail-order sales, and other "impersonal" modes of sale.* (1) Except as otherwise provided under this section, a retailer may sell cigarettes and smokeless tobacco only in a direct, face-to-face exchange between the retailer and the consumer. Examples of methods of sale that are not permitted include

vending machines and self-service displays.

(2) Exceptions. The following methods of sale are permitted:

(i) Mail-order sales, excluding mail-order redemption of coupons and distribution of free samples through the mail; and

(ii) Vending machines (including vending machines that sell packaged, single cigarettes) and self-service displays that are located in facilities where the retailer ensures that no person younger than 18 years of age is present, or permitted to enter, at any time.

(d) *Free samples.* No manufacturer, distributor, or retailer may distribute or cause to be distributed any free samples of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco.

(e) *Restrictions on labels, labeling, and advertising.* No manufacturer, distributor, or retailer may sell or distribute, or cause to be sold or distributed, cigarettes or smokeless tobacco with labels, labeling, or advertising not in compliance with subparts C and D of this part, and other applicable requirements.

**Subpart C—Labels**

**§ 897.24 Established names for cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.**

Each cigarette or smokeless tobacco package shall bear, as provided in section 502 of the act, the following established name: "Cigarettes", "Cigarette Tobacco", "Loose Leaf Chewing Tobacco", "Plug Chewing Tobacco", "Twist Chewing Tobacco", "Moist Snuff", or "Dry Snuff", whichever name is appropriate.

**§ 897.25 Statement of intended use and age restriction.**

Each cigarette or smokeless tobacco package, that is offered for sale, sold, or otherwise distributed shall bear the following statement: "Nicotine-Delivery Device for Persons 18 or Older".

**Subpart D—Labeling and Advertising**

**§ 897.30 Scope of permissible forms of labeling and advertising.**

(a)(1) A manufacturer, distributor, or retailer may, in accordance with this